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FOIA # 1

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Subject: 1947 J. EDGAR HOOVER FBI

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Mr. _____ also discussed this matter with Colonel L. H. Forney of MID. Colonel Forney indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request.

SWR:AJB

ADDENDUM

I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those alleged discs reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.

DML

(Clyde Tolson) - I think we should do this. (Dated 7/15)

(J. Edgar Hoover) - I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the SW case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination.

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DATE OF DOCUMENT 7/30/1947

(B) FLYING DISCS -- The Bureau, at the request of the Army Air Force intelligence, has agreed to cooperate in the investigation of flying discs. The Air Forces have confidentially advised that it is possible to release three or more discs in odd numbers, attached together by a wire, from an airplane in high altitudes and that these discs would obtain tremendous speed in their descent and would descend to the earth in an arc. The Army Air Forces Intelligence has also indicated some concern that the reported sightings might have been made by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria.

(AUTHORIZATION TO INVESTIGATE)

7-30-47

BUREAU BULLETIN NO. 42

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Series 1947

You should investigate each instance which is brought to your attention of a sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not it is a bonifide sighting, an imaginary one or a prank. You should also bear in mind that individuals might report seeing flying discs for various reasons. It is conceivable that an individual might be desirous of seeking personal publicity, causing hysteria, or playing a prank.

The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your inquiries. In instances where the report appears to have merit, the teletype should be followed by a letter to the Bureau containing in detail the results of your inquiries. The Army Air Forces have asured the Bureau complete cooperating in these matters and in any instances where they fail to make information available to you or make the recovered discs available for your examination, it should promptly be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

Any information you develop in connection with these discs should be promptly brought to the attention of the Army through your usual liason channels.

FOIA # 3

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Subject: 1966 J.E.HOOVER RESPONSE

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ST-101

July 21, 1966

Cleburne, Texas 76031

Dear Mr. _____

Your letter of July 16th has been received.

For your information, the investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects is not and never has been a matter that is within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. I can assure you the photograph you mentioned does not represent employees of this Bureau and the FBI has never had custody of an occupant from a foreign planet.

Enclosed are some booklets pertaining to our activities which I hope you will enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)

Know your FBI

Story of the FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Bureau has had other inquiries concerning this photograph. The article which appeared in a recent issue of this magazine purported to be an actual report of unidentified flying objects and has been brought to the attention of the Bureau previously. In view of the fictional aspects of the material and our relations with "Real" magazine no contact was made with the magazine regarding the representation of FBI Agents.

MAIL ROOM ____ TELETYPE UNIT ____

FOIA # 4

Date Sent: 06-09-1986

Subject: 1949 FBI MEMO RE: PHOTOS

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI
FROM : SAC KNOXVILLE
SUBJECT : "FLYING SAUCERS" OBSERVED OVER
OAK RIDGE AREA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: January 10, 1949

There are being submitted herewith two photographs of reputedly "flying saucers" which were seen at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, sometime during July of 1947. All of the information contained in this letter was received from George Rateman, Resident Engineer, Air Material Command, United States Army, who is the principal army technician at the Nuclear Energy for the Propulsion of Aircraft Research Center at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Mr. Rateman advised that the attached photographs were taken by _____ in July of 1947. He stated that interview with _____ revealed that he had been snapping photographs of his family in front of his residence at 218 Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, late in the afternoon, when he looked into the sky and observed the vapor trail as exhibited by the photograph numbered "1." _____ stated that he took a snap of this trail, was winding the film to the next number, when he looked into the sky and observed the ball of fire as shown in photograph 2. _____ made these photographs available to reporters of the Knoxville News-Sentinel and a story concerning them was run in that paper; however, as shown by the photostatic copy of the newspaper clipping, which is also being submitted herewith to the Bureau, the print was very indistinct; the news story did not contain any factual information; and it was regarded generally by the public at the time as a possible trick.

Later, it was learned by Rateman and _____ that _____ had made several copies of this photograph and had distributed them among his acquaintances at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Upon _____ finding that the photographs had received some distribution, he requested Rateman as Head of the Compliance and Investigations Division, to recover as many as possible of the photographs, advise the persons in whose possession they were found to say nothing to anyone concerning them, and to return the said photographs to him for transmission to the United States Air Force Intelligence Service. Rateman advises that he succeeded in rounding up twenty four copies of these photographs, and that, according to the statements of _____, no more copies were made or distributed. Rateman further stated that _____ had appeared extremely concerned over the matter and seemed quite emphatic that the matter should be given no more publicity than was absolutely necessary. Rateman also advised that he studied the negatives from which the reproductions were made, and they appeared to be authentic in that trick photography should have been apparent, but from the _____.

FOIA # 5

Date Sent: 06-09-1986

Subject: 1947 GEN. TWINING LETTER

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23 September 1947

SUBJECT: AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"
TO: Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTENTION: Brig. General George Schulgen
AC/AS-2

1. As requested by AC/AS-2 there is presented below the considered opinion of this command concerning the so-called "Flying Discs." This opinion is based on interrogation report data furnished by AC/AS-2 and preliminary studied by personnel of T-2 and Aircraft Laboratory, Engineering Division T-3. This opinion was arrived at in a conference between personnel from the Air Institute of Technology, Intelligence T-2, Office, Chief of Engineering Division, and the Aircraft, Power Plant and Propeller Laboratories of Engineering Division T-3.

2. It is the opinion that:

- a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.
- b. There are objects probably approximately the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.
- c. There is the possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.
- d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely.
- e. The apparent common description of the objects is as follows:
 - (1) Metallic or light reflecting surface.
 - (2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances when the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions.
 - (3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.
 - (4) Several reports of well kept formation flights varying from three to nine objects.
 - (5) Normally no associated sound, except in three instances a substantial rumbling roar was noted.
 - (6) Level flight speeds normally about 300 knots are estimated.

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LETTER FROM GENERAL N.F. TWINING TO COMMANDING GENERAL,

ARMY AIR FORCES 23 SEPTEMBER 1947

- f. It is possible within the present U.S. knowledge - provided extensive detailed development is undertaken--to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object in subparagraph (e) above which would be capable of an approximate range of 700 miles at subsonic speeds.
 - g. Any developments in this country along the lines indicated would be extremely expensive, time consuming and at the considerable expense of current projects and therefore, if directed, should be set up independently of existing projects.
 - h. Due consideration must be given the following:
 - (1) The possibility that these objects are of domestic origin - the product of some high security project not known to AC/AS-2 or this command.
 - (2) The lack of physical evidence in the shape of crash recovered exhibits which would undeniably prove the existence of these objects.
 - (3) The possibility that some foreign nation has a form of propulsion possibly nuclear, which is outside of our domestic knowledge.
3. It is recommended that:
- a. Headquarters, Army Air Forces issue a directive assigning a priority, security classification and code name for a detailed study of this matter to include the preparation of complete sets of all available and pertinent data which will then be made available to the Army, Navy, Atomic Energy Commission, JRDB, the Air Force Scientific Advisory Group, NACA, and the RAND and NEPA projects for comments and recommendations, with a preliminary report to be forwarded within 15 days of receipt of the data and a detailed report thereafter every 30 days as the investigation develops. A complete interchange of data should be effected.

4. Awaiting a specific directive AMC will continue the investigation within its current resources in order to more closely define the nature of the phenomenon. Detailed Essential Elements of Information will be formulated immediately for transmittal thru channels.

N.F. TWINING
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.
Commanding.

FOIA # 7

Date Sent: 06-10-1986
Subject: 1975 LORING AFB LANDING

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
Headquarters Aerospace Defense Command

Reply to
Attn of: DAD

Subject: Request for Information Under The Freedom of Information Act

To _____

1. A copy of you letter dated 22 August 1977 was received in this headquarters for direct reply on 19 September 1977. The following log entries have been extracted for release:

a. NORAD Command Director's Log (1975)

29 Oct/0630Z: Command Director called by Air Force Operations Center concerning an unknown helicopter landing in the munitions storage area at Loring AFB, Maine. Apparently this was second night in a row this occurrence. There was also an indication, but not confirmed, that Canadian bases had been overflown by a helicopter.

31 Oct/0445Z: Report from Wurtsmith AFB through Air Force Ops Center - incident at 0355Z. Helicopter hovered over SAC Weapons storage area then departed area. Tanker flying at 2700 feet made both visual sighting and radar skin paint. Track object 35NM SE over Lake Huron where contact was lost.

1 Nov/0920Z: Received, as info, message from Loring AFB, Maine, citing

probable helicopter overflight of base.

8 Nov/0753Z: 24th NORAD Region unknown tract J330, heading SSW, 12000 feet. 1 To 7 objects, 46.46N 109.23W. Two F-106 scrambled out of Great Falls at 0745Z. SAC reported visual sighting from Sabotage Alert Teams (SAT) K1, K3, L1 and L6 (lights and jet sounds). Weather section states no anomalous propagation or northern lights.

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Subject: 1975 MALMSTROM AFB, MT

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NORAD Region Senior Director's Log (Malmstrom AFB, Montana).

0835Z: SAT Teams K3 and L4 report visual, K3 report target at 300 feet altituds and L4 reports target at 5 miles. Contact lost at 0820Z. F-106s returned to base at 0850Z with negative results. 0905Z Great Falls radar search and height had intermittent contact. 0910Z SAT teams again had visual (Site C-1, 10 miles SE Stanford, Montana0. 0920Z SAT CP reported that when F-106s were in area, targets would turn out lights, and when F-106s left, targets would turn lights on. F-106s never gained visual or radar contact at anytime due to terrain clearance.

This type of activity has been reported in the Malmstrom area for several days although previous to tonight no unknowns were declared. The track will be carried as a remaining unknown.

7 NOV 75 (1035Z) - Received a call from the 34st Strategic Air Command post (SAC CP), saying that the following missile locations reported seeing a large red to orange to yellow object: M-1, L-3, LIMA and L-6. The general object location would be 10 miles south of Moore, Montana, and 20 miles east of Buffalo, Montana, Commander and Deputy for Operations (DO) informed

7 NOV 75 (1203Z) - SAC advised that the LCF at Harlowton, Montana, observed an object which emitted a light which illuminated the site driveway.

7 NOV 75 (1319Z) - SAC advised K-1 says very bright object to their east is now southeast of them and they are looking at it with 10x50 binoculars. Object seems to have lights (several) on it, but no distinct pattern. The orange/gold object overhead also has small lights on it. SAC also advises female civilian reports having seen an object bearing south from her position six miles west of Lewistown.

7 NOV 75 (1327Z) - L-1 reports that the object to their northeast seems to

be issuing a black object from it, tubular in the shape. In all this time, surveillance has not been able to detect any sort of track except for known traffic.

7 NOV 75 (1355Z) - K-1 and L-1 report that as the sun rises, so do the objects they have visual.

7 NOV 75 (1429Z) - From SAC CP: As the sun rose, the UFOs disappeared. Commander and DO notified.

8 NOV 75 (0635Z) - A security camper team at K-4 reported UFO with white lights, one red light 50 yards behind white light personnel at K-1 seeing same object.

8 NOV 75 (0645Z) - Height personnel picked up object 10-13,000 feet, track J330, EKL B 0648, 18 Knots, 9,500 feet. Objects as many as seven, as few as two A/C.

8 NOV 75 (0753Z) - J330 unknown 0753, Stationary / seven knots /12,000. One (varies seven objects.). None, no possibility, EKL B 3746, two F-106, GTF, SCR 0754. NCOC notified.

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Subject: 1975 MALMSTROM AFB, MT

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24th NORAD Region Senior Director's Log (Malmstrom AFB, Montana).

8 NOV 75 (0820Z) - Lost radar contact, fighters broken off at 0825, looking in area of J331 (another height finder contact).

8 NOV 75 (0905Z) - From SAC CP: L-sites had fighters and objects; fighters did not get down to objects.

8 NOV 75 (0915Z) - From SAC CP: From four different points: Observed objects and fighters; when fighters arrived in the area, the lights went out; when fighters departed, the lights came back on; to NCOC.

8 nov 75 (0953Z) - From SAC CP: L-5 reported object increased in speed - high velocity, raised in altitude and now cannot tell the object from stars . to NCOC.

8 NOV 75 (1105Z) - From SAC CP: E-1 reported white light (site is approximately 60 nautical miles north of Lewistown). NCOC notified.

9 NOV 75 (0305Z) - SAC CP Called and advised SAC crews at sites L-1, L-6 and M-1 observing UFO. object yellowish bright round light 20 miles north of Harlowton, 2 to 4,000 feet.

9 NOV 75 (0320) - SAC CP reported UFO 20 miles southeast of Lewistown, orange white disc object. 24 NORAD Region surveillance checking area. Surveillance unable to get height check.

9 NOV 75 (0320Z) - FAA Watch Supervisor reported he had five air carriers vicinity of UFO, United Flight 157 reported seeing meteor, "arc welder's blue" in color. SAC CP advised, sites still report seeing object stationary

9 NOV 75 (0348Z) - SAC CP Confirms L-1, sees object, a mobile security team has been directed to get closer and report.

9 NOV 75 (0629Z) - SAC CP advises UFO sighting reported around 0305Z. Cancelled the flight security team from site L-1, checked area and all secure, no more sightings.

10 NOV 75 (0215Z) - Received a call from SAC CP. Report UFO sighting from site K-1 around Harlowton area. Surveillance

10 NOV 75 (0153Z) - Surveillance report unable to locate track that would correlate with UFO sighting by K-1.